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**FEE TRANSMITTAL**  
**for FY 2003**

Effective 01/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$)** 156.00**Complete If Known**

Application Number	10/823,014
Filing Date	April 13, 2004
First Named Inventor	MYRON C. NOBLE
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Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1001 750	2001 375	Utility filing fee	
1002 330	2002 165	Design filing fee	
1003 520	2003 260	Plant filing fee	
1004 750	2004 375	Reissue filing fee	
1005 180	2005 90	Provisional filing fee	
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**2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE**

		Extra Claims		Fee from below	Fee Paid
Total Claims	24	-20** =	4	x 18 =	72
Independent Claims	4	-3** =	1	x 84 =	84
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1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20
1201 84	2201 42	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203 280	2203 140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204 84	2204 42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205 18	2205 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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1052 50	2052 25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053 130	1053 130	Non-English specification	
1812 2,520	1812 2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804 920*	1804 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805 1,940*	1805 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251 110	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252 410	2252 205	Extension for reply within second month	
1253 930	2253 465	Extension for reply within third month	
1254 1,450	2254 725	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255 1,970	2255 985	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401 320	2401 160	Notice of Appeal	
1402 320	2402 160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403 280	2403 140	Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452 110	2452 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453 1,300	2453 650	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501 1,300	2501 650	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
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1503 630	2503 315	Plant issue fee	
1460 130	1460 130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
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APPLICANT : MYRON C. NOBLE, ET AL. GROUP NO.: 3611

SERIAL NO. : 10/823,014 CONF. NO.: 3543

FILED : April 13, 2004

TITLE : SLIDING SIGN

**REQUEST FOR CORRECTION TO FILING RECEIPT**Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby request correction of the official filing receipt issued in the above-identified patent application. The filing receipt, a copy of which is attached hereto, contains incorrect filing fee information and should be corrected to reflect that the applicants paid an aggregate filing fee of \$928.00, not "\$842.00" as reflected in the attached receipt. A copy of the postcard verifying that a check for \$770.00 was received by the Patent Office is also attached.

On May 5, 2004, a Preliminary Amendment was forwarded to the Patent Office along with a check in the amount of \$156.00 to cover four extra claims, one of which is an independent claim, as evidenced by the attached postcard and Fee Transmittal for FY 2003 form. Applicants believe they owe the Patent Office an additional filing fee of \$2.00 for the extra independent claim, and they have authorized the Patent Office to charge the fee under the cover of a Response to Notice to File Missing

1 Parts of Nonprovisional Application forwarded to the Patent Office by mail on this date, and a copy of which is also attached.

5 If the three filing fees the applicants have paid to the Patent Office are added together, a total of \$926.00 is reached, not the "\$842.00" reflected on the attached filing receipt.

Applicants therefore respectfully request that the filing receipt be corrected to reflect a total filing fee received by the Patent Office of \$928.00.

Respectfully submitted,

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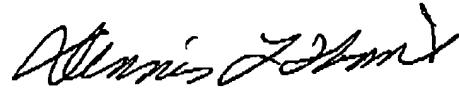
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In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application mailed June 24, 2004, in the above-entitled application, applicants respectfully state that a filing fee of \$770.00 was forwarded to the Patent Office when the application was originally filed, as shown on the attached postcard. On May 5, 2004, a Preliminary Amendment was forwarded to the Patent Office along with a check in the amount of \$156.00 to cover four extra claims, one of which is an independent claim, as evidenced by the attached postcard and Fee Transmittal for FY 2003 form. Applicants believe that an additional \$2.00 filing fee is due the Patent Office. Applicants' attorney hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any additional fees required by this response to Deposit Account No. 502093.

A copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts is also attached.

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